



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 2333
Toshimitsu ISHIKAWA et al. : Docket No. 00724/P10-258981/AM/SAN/JS
Serial No. 09/393,168 : Group Art Unit 1617
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Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a three month extension of time to respond to the communication of July 7, 2003.

The fee of \$475.00 is
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Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which
 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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